

DEATH TOLL GROWS IN INDIANA STORM— ONE TOWN RAZED—THREE DIE IN CINCINNATI

THE CYCLONE'S TOLL

Newcastle, Ind.—26 dead, 20 missing, 150 injured, 500 homes destroyed.

Cincinnati, O.—3 dead, 50 injured.

Newcastle, Ind., March 12.—With 26 bodies already recovered, search continued today for further dead in wake of cyclone which swept down on this city late yesterday, destroying 500 homes and causing property damage of more than a million dollars. Estimates were that from 10 to 20 bodies were still in the ruins.

Manufacturing plants were closed while workmen aided three companies of militia and 100 special policemen in keeping guard and cleaning up debris, strewn over a cyclone-swept district two and a half miles wide and 15 miles long, through the residence district of the city and on into a prosperous farming country.

J. Lebb Watkins, mayor, lost everything but his clothes. His home was destroyed and his pocketbook, containing \$205, was blown away.

Loss will be exceptionally heavy because few places carried cyclone insurance.

Storm broke without warning and lasted from twenty seconds to a minute. It was typical Kansas twister.

It struck Indiana Rolling Mills first, leveling it. Better residence district was hit next. Houses costing at high as \$50,000 were mass of ruins in instant. Miraculous escapes from death when families, huddled in basements, had whole houses swept off over their heads. Houses were jammed, one against other, and in one case garage and automobile were set down in middle of a home.

Most deaths were caused in homes of workmen. Here district half a mile wide and a mile long was swept clean. Not a house was left stand-

ing. That there were not more deaths was attributed to fact that up until time storm broke day was pleasant and many families were downtown or out walking.

Ora Smith was painting a barn door when it was blown off. He was carried along with door about 200 yards and landed in a pond. He cannot recover.

Several reports of looting were received, but no one was held by police or militia.

Women and children in hundreds of homeless families were taken care of by those more fortunate, while the men gathered around little campfires on street corners watching what was left of their property and waiting for break of day to renew their hunt for the dead.

At hospitals relatives aided nurses and doctors in caring for injured. Ruth Day, 18, who lost her three little sisters and a brother and was injured herself, sat beside bedside of her mother during the long night hoping to save the one other member of the family still alive. The mother has little chance for recovery.

Greatest suffering was reported during the night. It was cold and no fires were allowed in the houses on account of danger of starting a conflagration. Lights were out and no water was procurable as water mains had burst.

Following the sweep of the storm a terrific rain poured down for half an hour. Several fires started, but the rain aided volunteer workers in extinguishing them. Rescue work started immediately. Many were saved after they had been buried under the debris for half an hour or more. Searchers were attracted by their screams for aid.

Wild scenes followed in the wake of the disaster. One man with an ear torn off and with only a sheet wrapped around him ran through the